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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation-in-part XX continuation
divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application, Serial No.
09/093,131 on June 8, 1998 of Manilal S. Dahayanake, Jiang Yang, Joseph Y.
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SURFACTANT FLUIDS AND RELATED METHODS OF USE

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- 1. XX A check in the amount of \$ 2212.00 to cover the filing fee (\$2212) is enclosed.
2. XX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-0467. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.
3. Cancel in this application original claim(s) of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
4. XXX A copy of the declaration is enclosed.

5. _____ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: ---
This is a _____ continuation, _____ division, of application serial no. _____,
_____ filed _____.

6. **XXX** The prior application is assigned of record to: **Rhodia, Inc.**

7. **XXX** The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Charles N.J. Ruggiero

a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

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8. **XXX** A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

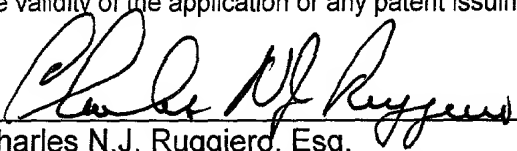
9. **XXX** Priority of U.S. Application Serial No. 60/049,045 filed on June 10, 1997, U.S. Application Serial No. 60/054,455 filed on August 5, 1997 and U.S. Application Serial No. 09/093,131 filed on June 8, 1998 are claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120;

10. _____ I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application serial no. _____ as originally filed on _____.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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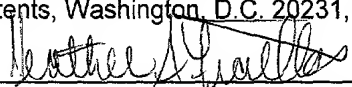

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